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hôpitaux de Paris to confer 3,000 francs every third year on the best work on the ethical and social aspects of the medical profession, published or presented during the preceding years, or for the best competing articles presented on a special topic. The first prize will be awarded in December, 1923, and a topic has been selected for this competition, namely, "A statistical and critical study of the French civilian and military medical and surgical rôle during the war, 1914-1918, and the resulting consequences for physicians and conclusions for the future."

PROFESSOR AND MRS. JEREMIAH W. JENKS have deeded property on the east shore of Cayuga Lake to Cornell University for the use of the department of biology. Boats, kept in the boathouse which comes with the property, will be available for collecting the specimens in which the end of the lake and the marshes near it abound.

THE zoology department of the University of Texas is the recipient of a gift of \$500 from Mr. H. A. Wroe, member of the board of regents for the study of the physiology of reproduction in the opossum under Professor Carl Hartman.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

A COLLEGE of engineering has been established at Cornell University to consist of the Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering, the School of Civil Engineering, and the School of Electrical Engineering. Professor Dexter S. Kimball has been appointed dean of the newly created engineering college and as directors of the work in the three schools, Herman Diedrichs, mechanical engineering; Fred Asa Barnes, civil engineering, and Alexander M. Gray, electrical engineering have been appointed. Dean A. W. Smith, who has for many years had charge of Sibley College, and who is now acting president of the university, and Dean E. E. Haskell of the present college of civil engineering, have sabbatical leave next term, and retire from active service in June of this year.

THE resignation of Professor Russell H. Chittenden, of Yale University, from the chairmanship of the department of physiology, physiological chemistry and bacteriology has been accepted, and Professor Lafayette B. Mendel has been appointed his successor.

DR. H. B. LATIMER, who has been in charge of the courses in anatomy in the department of zoology of the University of Nebraska, has been granted a leave of absence for the current year to carry on research in anatomy at the University of Minnesota. His work is being taken by Mr. Daniel S. Brazda. Dr. E. B. Powers has also been added to the staff of the department taking the field of animal ecology.

DR. C. B. CLEVINGER has resigned an instructorship in the department of chemistry, University of Wisconsin, to accept a professorship of agricultural chemistry and head of the department of chemistry of the Manitoba Agricultural College.

DR. HENRY S. HOUGHTON, a graduate of Ohio State University and the Johns Hopkins Medical School, who has passed the last fifteen years in China, has been appointed director of the Peking Union Medical College.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE NATURAL AREAS AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

WITH the increasing activities in biological science there has been a correspondingly increased demand for the preservation of areas on which the fauna and flora may be found undisturbed by outside agencies. Workers in the various lines of ecology and genetics are particularly interested in these natural areas; the Ecological Society, several State Academies of Science, and other scientific organizations, are urging the reservation of areas suitable for study. Laboratory experiments under controlled conditions, however essential, can not replace field observation. In fact, the greater the amount of laboratory experimentation, the greater the need of natural areas—for laboratory work and field studies must go hand in hand and supplement each other; neither is sufficient unto itself.